

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior listings of claims in the application.

Listing Of Claims:

Claims 1-60 (cancelled).

Claim 61 (currently amended): An image capture apparatus comprising:
an image capture unit adapted to capture an image using an image pickup element;
a switch adapted to instruct the image capture apparatus to start a recording process of
recording a captured image to a recording medium; and
a control unit adapted to determine, using (a) a first exposure value indicating exposure
of an image captured before the switch is operated, (b) a second exposure value indicating
exposure of an image captured after the switch is operated, (c) a first white balance value
indicating a white balance of an image captured before the switch is operated, and (d) a second
white balance value indicating a white balance of an image captured after the switch is operated,
whether to issue a warning to a user or not,
wherein the warning allows the user to determine whether to store the captured image in
the recording medium.

Claim 62 (currently amended): An image capture apparatus according to claim 61,
wherein the control unit determines, using the first exposure value, the second exposure value,
the first white balance value and the second white balance value, whether to start the recording
process or not the captured image is not stored in the recording medium if the user chooses not to
store the captured image in the recording medium when the warning is issued.

Claim 63 (currently amended): An image capture apparatus comprising:
an image capture unit adapted to capture an image using an image pickup element;

a switch adapted to instruct the image capture apparatus to start a recording process of recording a captured image to a recording medium; and

a control unit adapted to determine, using a first white balance value indicating a white balance of an image captured before the switch is operated and a second white balance value indicating a white balance of an image captured after the switch is operated, whether to issue a warning to a user or not,

wherein the warning allows the user to determine whether to store the captured image in the recording medium.

Claim 64 (currently amended): An image capture apparatus according to claim 63, wherein the control unit determines, using the first white balance value and the second white balance value, whether to start the recording process or not the captured image is not stored in the recording medium if the user chooses not to store the captured image in the recording medium when the warning is issued.

Claim 65 (currently amended): A method for controlling an image capture apparatus, the image capture apparatus includes including an image capture unit adapted to capture an image using an image pickup element; and a switch adapted to instruct the image capture apparatus to start a recording process of recording a captured image to a recording medium, the method comprising:

a step of determining, using (a) a first exposure value indicating an exposure of an image captured before the switch is operated, (b) a second exposure value indicating an exposure of an image captured after the switch is operated, (c) a first white balance value indicating a white balance of an image captured before the switch is operated, and (d) a second white balance

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value indicating a white balance of an image captured after the switch is operated, whether to issue a warning to a user or not,

wherein the warning allows the user to determine whether to store the captured image in the recording medium.

Claim 66 (currently amended): A method according to claim 65, further comprising a step of determining, using the first exposure value, the second exposure value, the first white balance value and the second white balance value, whether to start the recording process or not storing the captured image in the recording medium if the user chooses not to store the captured image in the recording medium when the warning is issued.

Claim 67 (currently amended): A method for controlling an image capture apparatus, the image capture apparatus ~~includes~~ including an image capture unit adapted to capture an image using an image pickup element; and a switch adapted to instruct the image capture apparatus to start a recording process of recording a captured image to a recording medium, the method comprising:

a step of determining, using a first white balance value indicating a white balance of an image captured before the switch is operated and a second white balance value indicating a white balance of an image captured after the switch is operated, whether to issue a warning to a user or not,

wherein the warning allows the user to determine whether to store the captured image in the recording medium.

Claim 68 (currently amended): A method according to claim 67, further comprising a step of determining, using the first white balance value and the second white balance value, whether to start the recording process or not storing the captured image in the recording medium

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if the user chooses not to store the captured image in the recording medium when the warning is issued.